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- (f) & (g) The prisoner who is a chronic dyspeptic patient did not keep good health while at Rajahmundry. Since his transfer to Multan he has improved considerably and has regained his normal weight (95 lb.).
- (h) He was employed on opening yarn at first in the Central Jail, Multan, and is now employed on clerical work. Further details are not available.
- (i), (j) & (k) Information has been called for.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—“With reference to the answers given in (i), (j) and (k), will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place the information on the table of the House as soon as it is received ?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“Yes.”

Malabar Affairs.

Services rendered during the Mappilla rebellion in Malabar.

* 44 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place before the House a statement of the names of the officials and non-officials who rendered exceptionally valuable services during the Mappilla rebellion in Malabar and in settling the country thereafter and the rewards they have received by means of honorary titles, grants of land or pecuniary remuneration ?

A.—The Government have not compiled a list of those whose services they considered exceptionally valuable from the names of those who were engaged in dealing with the Malabar rebellion. Excepting two cases where a small reward was given to persons who volunteered to accompany the troops and act as guides the Government gave no grants of land or money to any such persons ; the grant of titles is not made by the Local Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“Is it not unfair to neglect these officials who rendered valuable services during Mappilla rebellion ? Is it not desirable that a list of those names should be compiled ?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“May I ask what purpose it will serve ?”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“In order to give some recognition to those who rendered valuable services during the rebellion. They must be honoured in some way or other.”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“The conferment of honours rests with His Excellency and His Majesty the King and cannot be discussed in this House.”

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—“Both European and Indian officials have rendered valuable services during the rebellion and there must be some sort of recognition of their services either by grant of land or some such thing. There are only a very small number of officials who have rendered such services and is it not desirable that a list of their names should be compiled ?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“There are a very large number of officers who rendered very meritorious services.”

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Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“The answer given to this question is “Excepting two cases where a small reward was given to persons who volunteered to accompany the troops, etc., the Government gave no grants of land or money to any such persons.” There is no reference made to those persons who volunteered their services. Is the hon. Member in a position to say who those persons were?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“They were private persons who accompanied the troops during the operations in connexion with the Mappilla rebellion.”

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—“Can the hon. the Home Member give us some idea as to the amount of money which was given by way of rewards?”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“I am afraid I must have notice of that question if I am to give the correct information.”

Acts.

Committee on the amendment of the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908.

* 45 Q.—Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

- (a) at what stage the work of the Committee appointed to go into the question of amending the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908 is;
- (b) who the members of that Committee are;
- (c) what interest each of the said members represents;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the landholders' interest is more strongly represented in that body;
- (e) who are the members in it who are expected to represent the tenants' interests;
- (f) how many meetings the committee held up to the date of answering this question;
- (g) what questions were decided in those meetings; and
- (h) when Government expect this Committee to finish its labours?

A.—(a), (f), (g) & (h) The Committee has held two sittings till now.

It cannot be said now when it will finish its labours.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1917, Law (General), dated the 27th June 1924, and G.O. No. 2441, Law (General), dated the 28th August 1924, both of which have been placed on the Editors' Table. At the instance of the Committee, the following Deputy Collectors have been co-opted as members:—

M.R.Ry. M. Narasimham Pantulu Garu.

M.R.Ry. N. Koil Pillai Avargal.

(c), (d) & (e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 367 asked at the meeting of the Council held in August 1924.

Recognition of Canon Law under the Madras Civil Courts Bill.

* 46 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council the correspondence between the Madras Government and the Government of India on my amendment regarding the